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SUBJECT: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT ON MOROCCO

REF: STATE 260997

1. WHILE WE ARE OBVIOUSLY IN NO POSITION TO COMMENT ON VALIDITY OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL "BRIEFING" PAMPHLET ON MOROCCO, WE OUTLINE BELOW SEVERAL MAJOR ASPECTS OF REPORT FOR YOUR INFO PENDING RECEIPT OF POUCHED COPIES.

2. AI PAMPHLET LISTS SIX ISSUES OF PARTICULAR CONCERN:  
A) PROLONGED INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION BEFORE TRIAL;  
B) TORTURE AND DEATH IN DETENTION; C) INFRINGEMENT OF LEGAL PROCEDURE DURING TRIAL; D) USE OF STATE SECURITY LAWS TO SUPPRESS POLITICAL AND SOCIAL OPPOSITION; E) USE OF DEATH PENALTY FOR CERTAIN POLITICAL AND CRIMINAL OFFENSES; AND F) EXTREMELY BAD CONDITIONS IN DETENTION CENTERS.

3. REPORT RECOUNTS AT SOME LENGTH THE HISTORY OF THE MONARCHY'S EFFORTS SINCE LATE 1950S TO SUPPRESS OR  
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CONTROL POLITICAL OPPOSITION, NAMELY IS TOTAL AND UNFP AND (IN THE 1970S) THE LEFTIST STUDENT MOVEMENT (UNEM) AND "NEW RADICALS" GENERALLY KNOWN AS FRONTISTES.

4. IN AI VIEW, POLITICAL PRISONERS FALL INTO NUMBER OF CATEGORIES ACCORDING TO POLITICAL ALLEGIANCE, BUT MAJOR DIVISION LIES BETWEEN POLITICAL PRISONERS WHO HAVE BEEN

TRIED AND SENTENCED (NUMBERING MORE THAN 200 IN JULY 1977) AND THOSE DETAINED WITHOUT TRIAL. AI SAYS "SEVERAL HUNDRED" ARE KNOWN TO BE IN THIS CATEGORY BUT EXACT NUMBER IS UNKNOWN. AMONG THOSE THOUGHT TO FORM BULK OF PRISONERS IN THIS CATEGORY ARE POLITICAL OPPOSITION; MIGRANT MOROCCAN WORKERS WHO JOIN LOCAL TRADE UNIONS IN EUROPE RATHER THAN GOM'S "AMICALE" UNION; LOCAL POPULATIONS WHICH ARE MISTRUSTED BY GOM (AS IN MIDDLE ATLAS IN 1973 OR NOW IN WESTERN SAHARA); MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES ON DUTY AT TIME OF ATTEMPTS ON KING; AND "AT LEAST 300 FRONTISTES" ARRESTED IN JUNE 1977 ON CHARGES UNSPECIFIED BY GOM.

5. REPORT STATES AI HAS OBSERVED TRIALS IN MOROCCO, SENT MISSIONS TO GOM, AND MET OPPOSITION REPRESENTATIVES AND LAWYERS, MOST RECENTLY IN APRIL 1976. IN FREQUENT REFERENCES TO SPECIFIC CASES OF ARRESTS, TORTURE, INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION, OR IRREGULAR JUDICIAL PROCEDURES, REPORT DOES NOT DOCUMENT ITS SOURCES.

6. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH AI STAFF HERE WAYS BY WHICH EMBASSY CAN RECEIVE REGULAR (AND HOPEFULLY ADVANCE) DISTRIBUTION OF AI REPORTS AND BRIEFING PAPERS OF THIS TYPE. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RAISE WITH AI ON INFORMAL BASIS ANY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS DEPT OR RABAT MAY HAVE. STREATOR  
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